

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A tube thermal transfer printer comprising:

a platen roller rotatably provided at a main body of a printer for feeding out of a tube;

a printing head arranged to be opposed to the platen roller;

an ink ribbon; and

a wrapping roller arranged upstream from the printing head and rotatably to be opposed to the platen roller,

wherein a portion of the tube brought into contact with the wrapping roller is deformed in a planer shape by deforming the tube between the platen roller and the wrapping roller,

the tube and the ink ribbon are passed between the platen roller and the printing head, and the tube is printed by the printing head, and

~~The tube thermal transfer printer according to Claim 1,~~ wherein a peripheral face of the wrapping roller includes a recessed portion, and both end edges of the peripheral face are projected more than a center portion thereof.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A tube thermal transfer printer comprising:

a platen roller rotatably provided at a main body of a printer for feeding out of a tube;

a printing head arranged to be opposed to the platen roller;

an ink ribbon; and

a wrapping roller arranged upstream from the printing head and rotatably to be opposed to the platen roller,

wherein a portion of the tube brought into contact with the wrapping roller is deformed in a planer shape by deforming the tube between the platen roller and the wrapping roller,

the tube and the ink ribbon are passed between the platen roller and the printing head, and the tube is printed by the printing head, and

The tube thermal transfer printer according to Claim 1, wherein a material of constituting the wrapping roller is harder than a material of constituting the platen roller.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A tube thermal transfer printer comprising:

a platen roller rotatably provided at a main body of a printer for feeding out of a tube;

a printing head arranged to be opposed to the platen roller;

an ink ribbon; and

a wrapping roller arranged upstream from the printing head and rotatably to be opposed to the platen roller,

wherein a portion of the tube brought into contact with the wrapping roller is deformed in a planer shape by deforming the tube between the platen roller and the wrapping roller,

the tube and the ink ribbon are passed between the platen roller and the printing head, and the tube is printed by the printing head, and

wherein a material of the wrapping roller is harder than a material of the platen roller,

~~The tube thermal transfer printer according to Claim 3,~~ wherein a hardness of the platen roller is 60° in rubber hardness and a hardness of the wrapping roller is 100° in brass hardness.